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Newsletter for
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 18/06

Masses during the Week

All Masses from Aldeburgh are live-streamed*

Saturday: 1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday: 0915 Leiston (People of the parish)
1100 Aldeburgh*
1800 United Service at the Fairfield Centre.
Monday **No Mass today**
Tuesday 0900 Leiston
Wednesday 0900 Aldeburgh*
Thursday 0900 Leiston
Friday 0900 Aldeburgh
Saturday 1800 Aldeburgh*
Sunday 0915 Leiston (People of the Parish)
1100 Aldeburgh*

Livestreamlink for Mass

https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UC-GsEOvS0m19a_jvwjgLRDw/livestreaming

Welcome to anyone who is visiting us this weekend. Please feel at home among the people of this corner of the Lord's vineyard and take our Easter greetings to your own parish communities.

Holy Communion Under Both Kinds: in both churches, please continue to come forward – left hand side first, beginning at the back – but queue in the middle, and, if you are receiving under both kinds, please go to the minister who is free – in other words don't simply approach the one on your own side. This should now be the normal practice in most churches by now.

Fr Tony's Diary: Monday – St Alban's High School, Local Governing Body meeting – 1730. Wednesday – Assembly at Aldeburgh Primary School 1445. Thursday – Meeting of Diocesan Liturgy Commission at Poringland – 11.00

Money Matters: Thank you for your collection last weekend, the total of which will be in next week's newsletter. We're also grateful for the generous weekly standing orders, which currently amount to about £690 per week. And we continue to encourage you to set up one, if you haven't yet done so. In these days when not everyone has returned to mass, it is all the more necessary that we can be assured of a regular income, irrespective of Mass attendance. The only details you need are these: Sort Code 20-98-07: a/c number: 90777048.

And for Gift Aid purposes, the Charity number for the diocese is 278742. Thank you for your continued generosity. The parish account is: St Peter's Catholic Church Parish Account': Registered Charity: No 278742'. If you have a problem trying to set up direct debit, please get in touch.

Retiring Collection Today for the Bishops' Conference pro-life charities.

Please remember in your prayers, Liz O'Connor, Bernie McComish, Alex Vachell, Phil Harris, Giovanna Cimenti, Margaret Stubbs, Heather Mabey, Maureen Dawson, Brigid Simpson, Dominic Dobson, Fr Brendan Moffatt, Annie Morris, Kate Hoare, Helen McGuire, Merle Frew, Anne Alban, Derek Randall, Shane Dawson and Peg Regan. Pray for Angela Brunning, Joana Tavares Cruz, and all who died recently, and for Ursula Turner and all whose anniversaries occur this week. Keep in your prayers our eight children who will be making their first communion on Sunday, 25th June

Fr Tony's retirement party Just a reminder that this will be on Saturday 22 July, 7.15-9.30 pm at the parish church hall, Victoria Road, Aldeburgh IP15 5DU. If you would like to contribute to a farewell gift for Fr Tony, there will be special gift aid envelopes for cash in both churches after Mass for this purpose. Alternatively, you can donate by BACS using Sort Code 20-98-07 and Account number 90777048 but please make

sure to use the reference **FTRG** for these donations.

Attendance Lists It would be helpful to have an indication of likely numbers at the party so, if you're planning to be there, please could you add your name and the number of people in your group to the list at the back of each church. Many thanks.

Spiritual bouquet As well as a farewell gift for Fr Tony, we are arranging a spiritual bouquet. This takes the form of a card which tells someone about prayers or Masses etc that will be offered for them and their intentions. If you would like to take part, there will be paper slips at the back of both churches. All you need do is write on the slip your contribution to the spiritual bouquet eg. five Our Fathers, a decade of the rosary, a Mass etc. There's no need to add your name, as all the contributions to the bouquet will be collected together and written in the card. Alternatively, you can email your contribution to fathertonysparty@gmail.com. Any questions may also be sent to this email address, or contact Lucy Rowan-Robinson.

An Update on my Retirement: The grand clear out is now underway – its both cathartic and traumatic!

Thanks to Fr Chris Dobson for providing the masses for this weekend, and for all who gave him lifts. I should be back sometime on Sunday afternoon.

Celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Pilgrimage in Walsingham on Sunday, 23rd July. You will find details on the poster in both churches.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Our next pilgrimage to Lourdes as a diocese and as part of the wider Catholic Association family will take place from **Friday 18th-Friday 25th August**. This will be our first fully medically supported pilgrimage since the Covid 19 pandemic and we are greatly looking forwards to being in Lourdes again. Bishop Peter will be leading us on the pilgrimage, and indeed leading the whole Catholic Association Pilgrimage. We hope to top 100 East Anglian pilgrims, and I hope to be there as usual.

Details can be found on the poster in the church porch, on your emails, and on the website

United Service at the Fairfield Centre this evening at 1800. It's the turn of the Anglicans to lead and I hope you will join me (provided the flight from Compostela is on time!)

Readings for 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First reading: Exodus 19:2-6

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

Responsorial Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second reading: Romans 5:6-11

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

Sunday Reflection

The gospel of Matthew contains five major speeches of Jesus, designed by the evangelist, so it seems, to reflect and outshine the five books of Moses – known as the Pentateuch. Jesus is the new Moses, who comes to bring the law and the prophets to fulfilment.

We hear today the beginning of the second speech, which is known as the Missionary Discourse. The opening words of our gospel passage tell us that the motivation of Jesus in his preaching is compassion for those who are lost. This must be our motivation too in offering the good news to others.

Jesus selects twelve apostles. They are chosen from among those who have left everything to follow him. It may come as a surprise that with his first words to them Jesus apparently limits the mission of the apostles. The first priority of the mission must be the people of Israel, who are described as 'the lost sheep'. Later the mission will be extended to all the nations. The message is the one Jesus has preached from the outset: 'The kingdom of heaven is near'. The message and the healings which the disciples are to work in imitation of Jesus, are to be given freely.

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out, and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated. More than any other Gospel, Matthew's Gospel elaborates on the work of the Church, which is to continue after Jesus' death and resurrection. The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church. Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples, as do Mark and Luke. Matthew also uses the word *apostle* when referring to the Twelve. The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." In this context,

Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed. As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission

Feasts this week: Tuesday – St Alban – protomartyr of England. Wednesday – St Aloysius Gonzaga. Thursday – St John Fisher and Thomas More. Friday – St Etheldreda. Saturday – Nativity of St John the Baptist.

Confirmation will be celebrated in the parish on the evening of October 31st – so be careful with half-term plans, please. Several names were given to me some months ago, but I'd be grateful if those who are still interested would let me know once again. Normally Confirmation is for those in Year Nine or above, but Year Eight is possible, but no younger, please. Although I shan't be here then, we'll try to arrange an initial meeting in July before the end of term.